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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : P.A. Duffy
LALANNE et al :
Serial No.: 09/980,054 : Group: 1645
Filed: February 15, 2002 :
For: NOVEL...THESE GENES :

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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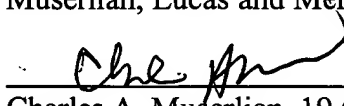
Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for one month until

July 5, 2004.

PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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